

Timely Observations of Events Happening in the Sporting World

VARSITY CREW FOR MICHIGAN

Plan Gets New Impetus From Action by the Faculty

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 18.—Rowing enthusiasts at Michigan are again fostering a hope that the Ann Arbor college will soon have a varsity crew. The time the prospects of the proposition being accomplished seem brighter than at any time in the past when the matter of a crew has been proposed. This is based upon the fact that the board of directors at a recent meeting appointed a committee to consider the feasibility of raising aquatic sports to a higher plane. In addition to this a dam has been under construction on the Huron river for the last year and is now nearing completion. When it is completed it will probably back up enough water to furnish a place for crew activities.

Those who are strong for a crew do not believe that the committee will limit itself to the minor water sports, but will make a special effort to promote the interests of a crew. A canoe club will be organized this winter and various paddling races, etc., will be staged this spring under its auspices. It is the intention of the union, if the plan appears feasible, to use this as a stepping stone for the establishment of a crew going on the assumption that if there is sufficient interest aroused and the facilities are equal the athletic association will proceed with the further details of making rowing one of the recognized sports there.

It seems reasonable that with some little encouragement this would be the result as it is the plan of the authorities to interest as many of the undergraduates as possible in some form of athletics. It was with that in view that the blanket tax was established and with the new field addition of thirty-eight acres athletics will be taken care of as far as land goes. It remains but to establish this sport and Michigan students will be provided with a thoroughly diversified athletic program.

MILLIONS SEE SOCCER GAMES IN A SINGLE WEEK.

England, the place where soccer has originated, and where they claim they have better players than here in these great United States, is the place where the games draw folk.

Over on the other side of the pond soccer contests are better attended than the ball games on this side, and usually are the one real sport of this country.

During the Christmas festivities over 2,000,000 patrons viewed the games in three leagues in England, according to reports coming to this portion of the United States. These crowds do not include those that are present at the professional battles in Scotland and Ireland. Each one of the three leagues at which the following attendances were taken from last about 20 clubs.

The highest crowds of all attended the contests on the other side on Christmas day, when 467,000 folks were present to see the kickers in action. New Year's drew an attendance of 462,000. Here are the figures, taken from the attendances at the games of the southern and first and second division English league:

Sunday, Dec. 21, 338,000

Wednesday, Dec. 25, 467,000

Thursday, Dec. 26, 349,000

Friday, Dec. 27, 355,000

Saturday, Jan. 1, 402,000

Sunday, Jan. 4, 299,000

GIANTS TO SOUTHLAND.

New York, Feb. 18.—The vanguard of the New York National league team, headed by Manager John J. McGraw, left this week for the team's training camp at Marlton, Tex. Charles Mathewson, the star shortstop, and the rest of the team will join the party.

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RACE ON THAMES MARCH 13.

Oxford and Cambridge Pick Earlier Date for Annual Race.

New York, Feb. 18.—It has finally been decided to hold the Oxford-Cambridge boat race this year on the Thames on March 13—a much earlier date than usual.

It was at first planned to race on March 15, which would make it necessary to row either at 8 o'clock in the morning or 6 o'clock at night, and both hours were objectionable. Then it was practically decided to race on March 13, but that is in Holy Week, and objections were many. Finally March 13 was decided upon, and the time will be about 4:30 p. m.

MAKES NEW SKI RECORD; 169 FT.

Ragnar Omtvedt Exceeds Best Mark Made on Norway

A world's ski record was made at the ski meet at Ironwood, Mich., on Sunday when Ragnar Omtvedt of Chicago made a jump of 169 feet. The previous record for the world was 157 feet. Omtvedt is a native of Norway and this is his first year in the ranks of the professionals. Barney Riley was in hard luck. He made jumps of 152, 161 and 165 feet, but fell every time.

Class A, Professional.

	1st.	2nd.	Jump.	Jump.	Points
Ragnar Omtvedt	158	154	315	2-3	1-3
Anders Hauken	141	149	325	1-5	1-5
A. Hendrickson	152	145	325	1-5	1-5
John Evenson	148	149	316	2-5	1-5
Ben Lodgaard	141	142	315	1-5	1-5
T. Hemmestad	134	144	309	1-2	1-2
S. Hanson	132	145	208	2-2	1-2
O. Landwick	138	137	306	1-2	1-2
E. Lund	134	142	305	1-2	1-2
August Norby	140	135	305	1-2	1-2
Carl Eck	138	134	303	1-2	1-2
John Bratland	135	132	295	2-3	1-2

Longest Standing Jump.

Ragnar Omtvedt, Chicago, first, 169 feet.

Twenty-six riders started in this event, none of which jumped over 150 feet.

John Jobe, aged 19, of Ironwood, carried off first honors in the amateur events by jumping 134 and 143 feet in his two trials. Albert Fort made the best jump of the day, 153 feet. In the event for boys under 15 years, Ed Mura was first with 117 feet. Elmar Lund won the cross country run.

LINESMEN POOR COACHES.

Have Had Little Success in Developing Football Stars.

Can a line man make a good head coach?

This is another question which has been thrashed out since football first became the real big sport of the colleges, and is still a big topic wherever collegians get to talking. On form it appears as though the backs have the call, and many line men openly admit that the backs are the only ones who make good as coaches.

For some strange reason it appears as though a back can coach the line men with a little assistance from a good line coach, while it is said that it is almost impossible for a line man to coach backs, even though he is assisted by good backfield instructors.

Foos make fairly good coaches under the present game, as the ability of these men plays a most important part, while a few centers have made good. Forward passes, if worked correctly, prove great assets to a team's offense, while an end, if good, is a master at defensive play.

All of the big college head coaches are backs, with the exception of Houghton of Harvard, while the line men who act as coaches have proven failures.

NOT POPULAR WITH FANS.

Rube Marquard May Find Himself a Shattered Idol.

Rube Marquard, they say, is destined to discover that he is a shattered idol when he returns to Gotham. Rube's criticism of John McGraw, his antics in the spotlight, and his cry for more salary are all helping to dim his lustre in the eyes of the fans.

What probably started Rube on his downward path in the eyes of the fans has really a more historic foundation than his follies during the off season. After Richard de la Marquis annexed 19 consecutive contests, he found it hard hoeing to land any more games at all.

The 29 games following resulted as follows: Thirteen lost and seven won, less than an average of .500, a disappointing mark for a 1,000 hurler in 19 games.

The doubt that began to creep into the minds of the routers concerning Rube's ability was not entirely dissipated even with the performances in the world's series. The inauspicious little germ already buried there and it did not take much misbehavior off the mound to encourage its growth.

BADGERS LOSE TEN STARS.

Madison, Wis., Feb. 18.—The Wisconsin track team was hard hit by the faculty eligibility rules at the end of the first semester with the result that ten star men, mostly short and middle-distance runners, were declared ineligible.

13 NEW MARKS IN TWO WEEKS

Kolehmainen, Sturdy Finn, Sets Whole Sporting World Agog

Since Feb. 1 Hannes Kolehmainen, the sturdy little Finnish long distance runner, Olympic champion, and said by many running experts to be a greater runner than Deerfoot, Longboat, Bonhag and Shrubbs, has broken thirteen world's records.

On Feb. 1, running at Buffalo, he broke all world's records on an indoor track from six to ten miles. His records follow:

Six miles, 30:24.
Seven miles, 35:35 2-5.
Eight miles, 40:47 54-5.
Nine miles, 46:09 2-5.
Ten miles, 51:08 3-5.

The last record was only 26 3-5 seconds slower than Alfred Shrubbs' outdoor world's record, which is 50:49. On Feb. 6, at Madison Square Garden, New York city, he made the following world's records:

Three and one-half miles, 17:16.
Four and one-half miles, 22:17.
Five miles, 24:48.

On Feb. 12, running in New York city, he made the following world's records:

Five miles, 24:29 1-5, breaking indoor record of 24:48, made by himself on Feb. 6, and also breaking the world's best indoor record of 24:32 2-5, made by the great English runner, Alfred Shrubbs.

Three miles, 14:18 1-5.
Two and three-quarter miles, 12:06 3-5.

Two and one-half miles, 11:53 2-5.
Two and one-quarter miles, 10:42 1-5.

These are all world's records. Some of them, in fact, the most of them, represent better time than ever approached by any other runner. His world's indoor record for ten miles, for instance, is 3 minutes 14 3-5 seconds, faster than the previous record made by Lewis Tewanima in 1906.

PRESIDENT MURPHY OF CUBS HAS CLEVER PLAN TO MAKE MONEY

It is to be supposed we all like to read about how other people make money, although we are not able to make it ourselves. In spite of what people may think of President Murphy, of the Chicago club, he is always on the job and always has his eyes open to turn a penny. He seldom loses any tricks. Here is his latest:

Some time ago he arranged with the citizens of Tampa, Fla., whereby said citizens were to pay the training expenses of the Chicago team in return for the honor of having that team train at Tampa. That would seem to be a pretty fair business arrangement on the part of Mr. Murphy, but it is now learned that the Chicago magnate has arranged to bring home a side of bacon as well.

Recently rail and boat connections have been made by which one may go from Tampa to Havana in quick time. Murphy has evolved a scheme whereby he can slip a team over to Havana for Sunday games. Games between the Cubs and the two leading teams of Havana would draw about \$24,000 in two games.

Aside from the money consideration there is the fine practice to be taken into account. The Cubans would fight their heads off to defeat the Cubs. On the whole, Mr. Murphy must be given credit for clever planning.

TO BE ANNUAL EVENT.

U. P. Basketball Tournament at Ishpeming Big Success.

P. A. Leonard, physical director of the Ishpeming Y. M. C. A. expects to see the basketball tournament, which was the first event of its kind ever held in Ishpeming, made an annual affair and he is working to bring it to a certainty. The tournament, which took place at the Ishpeming "Y" last Friday and Saturday, was a pronounced success and inspired the various officials who saw it through to endeavor to make it an annual event.

It brought the many different athletic organizations of the Upper Peninsula together to partake in the popular indoor sport of the winter season, and a very good time was enjoyed by all; besides being the means of bringing the Upper Peninsula towns together to encourage this healthy game, it assures future cooperation between the various organizations in this section and consequently increased success for the efforts of all. It will suggest to the many officials the desirability of staging like athletic events and prove to be of great aid in promoting clean sport in the Upper Peninsula.

GRIFFITH WANTS MULLIN.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Clark Griffith said today that if the Detroit Tigers made any effort to get rid of the veteran George Mullin they can find a ready purchaser in the Senators. Griffith says he has always admired the big fellow and believes he still has a few years of major league pitching in his system.

Farmers in New South Wales frequently plow by night with traction engines provided with powerful headlights.

RUNNING TRUE TO FORM.

Hero of Olympic Games Still Able to Travel Some.

Arnold N. S. Jackson, the Oxford university student who started the American athletic world by winning the 1,500 meter run at the Stockholm Olympic games in 3 minutes 56.4 seconds, defeating Abel Kiviat, Norman Taber and John Paul Jones in the order named, is rounding into form for the 1913 season.

In a recent set of intercollegiate games Jackson won the 440 yards, 339 yards and one mile races in easy fashion. His times for the three races were 440 yard, 52 seconds; 339 yards, 2 minutes 9.4-5 seconds; mile, 5 minutes flat.

SQUABBLE OVER WEIGHT EVENTS

Oxford and Cambridge Join Opposition to Present Contests

New York, Feb. 18.—The agitation against the hammer and weight contests in college sports is not confined to this side of the water, for the never-ending controversy over them has again been revived in connection with the Oxford-Cambridge sports.

Their introduction into the sports was, in the main, accidental. A brawny Scotchman, whose profession was tests of strength, became acquainted with the originators of the sports. Out of admiration for his performance they were persuaded to include the weight first, and the hammer, a year later, in the list of events, and the events were promptly added to the program of the amateur championships out of a desire to enroll as many varsity athletes as possible. It was this action, primarily, that turned what was really meant as an experiment, into an established custom. It gave rise to a prolonged dispute between Cambridge and Oxford, but, in spite of periodical protests there has been no change since 1866, and now the matter is up again in England, and many athletes, past and present, are taking sides.

It has been contended by Oxford that both the hammer and weight contests rightly come under the head of gymnastic feats. It is urged that they are not legitimate forms of athletic sports any more than rowing, boxing or football and that proven in either direction is only obtained by what is known as strong men.

Cambridge contends that hammer-throwing, at least, is oldest in date of any athletic sport. Both hammer and weights are recognized as field events, they say, and that very few people nowadays would care to witness people but running and jumping at the games. Other athletes say that it might be well to give only half a point to each of the two events in the college meets, and thus a possible tie would be avoided, which would mean the retention of both events and receive the odd event. Others suggest the throwing of a cricket ball instead of the weight. But the general opinion seems to favor the half point scheme.

SPEAKER SIGNS CONTRACT.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 19.—The Speaker, centerfielder, has signed his contract for 1913. It is understood his new contract provides a substantial increase in salary. He is the first regular outfielder to sign.

SPORTING EDITOR'S NOTES.

The Indianapolis Indians will have a real Indian in the lineup if Manager Kelley succeeds in signing up Pitcher "Chief" LaRoy.

Pitcher Nap Rucker of the Brooklyn Superbas, says that in his opinion Jim Shekat of the Cubs has the greatest batting eye in the National league.

George Stone, who, when playing with the St. Louis Browns a few years ago, led the American league in batting, is trying to land a berth as a minor league manager.

It is said that the combined salaries of the three regular outfielders of the Boston champions is less than the salary said to have been demanded by Ty Cobb from Detroit.

President Locke, of the Philadelphia Nationals, has signed Hugo T. Wedell, a former college player and at present a member of the faculty at the University of Kansas.

Manager McGraw is trying to put over a trade for Pitcher Tyler, of the Boston Braves. "Mac" wants a left-hander in reserve in case "Rube" Marquard should fail to play this year.

A championship team is a fine thing in the fall, but when you try to stem 'em up in the spring they will surely cap your Angers. Louie for Mr. McAleer, of the Boston Red Sox.

Terry Turner, the veteran Nap, will round out a decade of service as a Cleveland player the coming season. Right now Terry looks to be in better physical condition than at any time during the last five years.

Young Tozo, the Japanese boxer, is down and out and is now working in a restaurant at Fort Smith, Ark.

A bill has been introduced in the California legislature making it illegal to put on a boxing match between a white boxer and a negro.

Jack Lester, the heavy weight boxer, who has just returned from Australia, gives Promoter McIntosh a panning about the way he treats American boxers.

Laurium Department

INTEREST IN HOCKEY.

Local Team is Being Well Supported in Laurium.

A hockey game that is attracting interest in Laurium, as well as other parts of the county, is to be played tomorrow evening in the Palace, between the Calumet and Houghton Junior hockey teams, being the first of a series of three games to decide the junior championship of the north-west.

Calumet has defeated the Houghton team twice and lost one game to the Portage Lake boys. However, those games will not figure in the championship series. It is believed locally, Calumet will win the honor, although generally conceded that the games will be closely contested.

The announcement that a number of local business men will finance the Calumet team in games with the Duluth Intermediates shows that the work of the amateurs has made a hit here, and that the team is worthy of support.

HAS NARROW ESCAPE.

John Gorman is Buried Under Rock in Mohawk Rockhouse.

John Gorman of Laurium, a miner in the employ of the Mohawk Mining company, had a narrow escape from death Tuesday afternoon, while at work in the rockhouse of No. 5 shaft, through being buried beneath a large amount of rock and dirt.

Gorman was working in the bin at the time the accident happened, when another employee, not knowing Gorman was there, threw open the chute which feeds the rock into the cars. Gorman's predicament was quickly realized, and a rescue crew worked for more than an hour before it could effect his release. Fortunately an air hole was made in the pile of rock and dirt early in the rescue operations, and this probably saved the young man's life. He was badly bruised and was taken to the Mohawk hospital to undergo treatment.

CAUCUS NEXT WEEK.

President Joseph Willis has not yet set the date for the annual meeting of the village. It likely will be held Tuesday evening of next week, however. The fiscal year of the village ends Thursday, Feb. 29.

Friday evening of next week, Feb. 27, the annual village caucus will be held in the Laurium town hall, for the purpose of placing in nomination the names of candidates eligible for office to several positions that will be vacant.

CRICKET MEETING SOON.

Early next month the promoters of a cricket team to represent Laurium will call a meeting to perfect the organization. When the matter was first broached, it met with instant and hearty approval. There are a number of good cricketers in the village, and not the slightest difficulty will be experienced in securing a team that will rank high in the sport in the county.

NEW PLAY ON THURSDAY.

Thursday the Burgess Stock company at the Lyric will produce a beautiful three-act southern love story, "Hearts of the Blue Ridge," which Mr. North announces is one of the prettiest plays yet given. The following week, "The Princess of Paphos" will be played, while a special version of Bertha M. Clay's famous novel, "Thorns and Graces Blossoms," will be produced, with "Lena Rivers," "The Cowboy Sheriff," "Divorcement," and many other successes will follow.

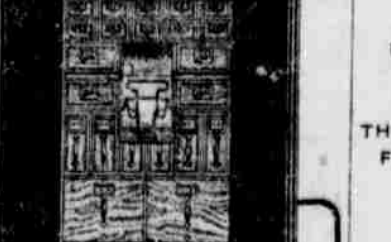
DEATH OF MRS. DOOLEY.

Old Resident Passes Away at Residence in Raymbaultown.

Mrs. Anastasia Dooley, aged 76, died last night at the family residence, Middle street, Raymbaultown, of diabetes. Her husband died several years ago. Arrangements for the funeral are pending. The late Mrs. Dooley is survived by a family of grown-up children.

She was one of the best known and oldest residents of this section, having resided here for many years. The news of her demise will be regretted by a large circle of friends.

William Trenery is in Baraga visiting friends and relatives for a few days.



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TO REVIVE SKI CLUB.

Laurium ski riders are discussing the advisability of holding ski races in the near future. The village at one time boasted of a ski club, and two or three tournaments were held. It is said an attempt is about to be made to revive the club.

LAURIUM BREVITIES.

Wendell Melroe of Laurium was successful with his choice rosecomb white leghorns at the recent annual poultry exhibition in Duluth, winning first prize for cock second for pullet and second for pen.

The sidewalks and streets in the village are in excellent condition these days, thanks to good work on the part of Street Commissioner Willis and his force of men.

Edward Hermes is spending a few days with friends on the South Range.

The Calumet Favorite club will entertain at a skating party this evening at the Glacodon. Several Laurium residents anticipate being in attendance. An excellent program of skating and dancing numbers has been prepared.

The funeral of the late Jacob Peterson, who died last week at Lead City, S. D., was held this afternoon, with services at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wast, Union street, Raymbaultown. Rev. A. L. Heidemann officiated.

John Lane and Thomas George have accepted positions with the Keweenaw Central railroad.

The stewards of the Laurium M. E. church will give a concert Saturday evening, Washington's birthday, in the parlors of the church. An excellent program is being arranged for the occasion. The concert will commence at 8 o'clock.

During 1912 the total number of vessels entering and clearing the port of Haver, France, was 12,468, with a total tonnage of 10,159,142, as compared with 12,147 vessels having a tonnage of 10,058,654 in the preceding year.

Mrs. M. F. Collins, rich widow in Chicago, has just bought adopted Miss Elizabeth Robinson, aged 15.

Mrs. Sarah Foster, of New York, survives a fall of 120 feet down an elevator shaft.

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